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In re Application of

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PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIA

STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

The above-referenced patent application was filed on November 6, 2003 and an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on February 25, 2004. Since more than one (1) year has elapsed since these dates, and no Action to said application has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before November 21, 2003 in the above-assigned Group Art Unit should have received an Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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